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## A VIEW OF THE NEWS

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### Changing Truth

No one ever accused Robert Frost of writing political verse. He is a snowy woods and mending wall poet, and he rubs his words into gentle lines which in a single sentence



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describe a state ("New Hampshire mountains curl up in a coil") or blueberries ("The blue's but a mist from the breath of the wind"). There is no politics in the meter of these ballads.

And probably Mr. Frost was not viewing the meanderings of politics when he wrote:

"Most of the change we think we see in life,  
Is due to truths being in and out of favor."

### Out Of Favor

Yet no words about to be written by the reporters of Washington explain some of the "changes" coming along the New Frontier better than these words from the freckled old hands of Robert Frost.

Chester Bowles is probably about to resign as the undersecretary of state. It is not his choice. His particular "truth" is simply going out of favor. The press in Washington has a gangy habit of sprawling over the victim of such changes, and only later observing the meaning of the affair. It is at least likely that Mr. Bowles is but the first person whose "truth" is hastily going out of style, or favor, and that he soon is going to have company.

This sort of thing is not going to establish any precedent. For instance, Franklin D. Roosevelt was President for a little more than six months when he began to shuffle the bodies around. Louis Howe was regarded as the first adviser to Mr. Roosevelt, but Louis Howe was reassigned from his position of policy-maker to a lesser one in the federal works. Mr. Roosevelt had discovered what Mr. Kennedy was to discover. An associate who is brilliant in the campaign days



### Bowles: Not The Type

is not necessarily brilliant after the election is won and vital decisions affecting the republic, not just the party, must be made.

The President, according to the gossip which has its headquarters quite near the President, is not disgusted with Chester Bowles. Not at all. He merely has decided that Mr. Bowles is not the administrating type, and the undersecretary of state has to be an administrator. Mr. Bowles was offered another important task . . . that of becoming the roving ambassador to underdeveloped countries with, so to speak, a key to the back door at the White House.

Allen Dulles, who operates the Central Intelligence Agency, is another whose "truth" is going out of style. He is headed for other work, or retirement. And there are others about to walk this road.

### Others Out Of Style

Several of the professors, and some of them are brilliant persons, seemed rather doomed for lesser roles as the New Frontier is prospected. These are seen as men whose talents were large in the campaigning days when Mr. Kennedy sought the Presidency but whose talents for administration from the White House are not as large.

It is like Mr. Frost said, "Truth" is in and out of style, and there are several variations of "truth", or attitudes, around the District of Columbia.